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Dear Bernie:

If I'm not mistaken, you mentioned that you had mastered the Russian language. Would you care to exercise this mastery on an item that might amuse you? I enclose a microfilm from "Priroda", in which under a dissecting scope I can make out "Bacteria" in the title, E. coli K-12 in the text, and ~~Tatum~~ and Lederberg in the bibliography, but nothing else. Could you manage to give a liberal translation? I would be much obliged.

If you haven't the time, we have a Russian department here who should be glad to do it, but I thought you could make more sense out of it.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg.